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Alice Aycock Poe Center for Health Education to Host 25th Anniversary Gala
Local Non-Profit Celebrates 25 Years of Health Education for North Carolina Citizens

Raleigh, N.C. – From the classroom to the community, the Alice Aycock Poe Center for Health Education has served North Carolina for over 25 years reaching more than one million citizens in 91 counties. More than 275 people will gather to celebrate this milestone at Poe’s 25th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 24, 2016.

Hosted by local personality and former WRAL anchor Mark Roberts, the fund-raising event will highlight a large-scale commemorative mural created by North Carolina artist Nicholas Bragg. Silent and live auctions will feature a variety of high-end items and experiences for people of all tastes. Art lovers can go home with original artwork by muralist Nicholas Bragg. Sports fans can fill their calendars with plans to play golf at Wakefield Plantation, cheer the Carolina Hurricanes to victory, or support their favorite home team with tickets to an NC State or Duke football game. Anyone ready for a little rest and relaxation can get away for pampering at the Umstead Hotel & Spa or a little sun and sand at a NC beach house. Party planners can plan the perfect event with a three-hour rental at ArtSource Gallery in Raleigh.

A distinguished group of North Carolina leaders are hosting the event, including State Superintendent June Atkinson, Raleigh Mayor Nancy McFarlane, UNC Rex Healthcare President Steve Burriss, WakeMed Health & Hospitals President and CEO Donald Gintzig, Columbus Regional Healthcare System President and CEO Carla Parker Hollis, and Duke Raleigh Hospital President Dr. David Zaas. A complete list of host committee members and sponsors is available at <http://www.poehealth.org/poe-center-25th-anniversary-celebration>.

The media is invited to Poe’s annual awards program at 6 p.m., which includes a VIP reception with artist Nicholas Bragg. Please RSVP to [Jennifer Bell, marketing director](#).

Event: Poe Center 25th Anniversary Celebration

Date: September 24, 2016

Time: 6-7 p.m. VIP Reception with Artist Nicholas Bragg & Annual Awards Program
7-10 p.m. Auctions, Cocktails, Heavy Hors d’oeuvres. The public is invited.

Media should RSVP to [Jennifer Bell, marketing director, j.bell@poehealth.org](#)

Location: Poe Center for Health Education
224 Sunnybrook Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27610

Registration: Open to the public. Register on line at:
<http://www.poehealth.org/events/poe-center-25th-anniversary-celebration/>

About the Poe Center

The Alice Aycock Poe Center for Health Education is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating and empowering North Carolina's children, youth and their families to make choices that increase positive health behaviors. Since establishing its Raleigh facility in 1991, the Poe Center has provided health education to nearly one million children throughout North Carolina. By engaging in fun, highly interactive lessons, preschoolers through twelfth graders receive information that follows the NC DPI Healthful Living Essential Standards on a variety of health topics, including nutrition, dental health, general health, family life and drug prevention. For additional information about the Poe Center, please visit www.poehealth.org.

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